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**HICKORY, N.C.** - Freshman **Lauren Wilcox**'s two-out RBI single in the bottom of the eighth inning sent the Armstrong Atlantic State University softball squad into the winner's bracket of the 2011 NCAA Division II Softball Southeast Regional on Friday afternoon at Bears Field in Hickory, N.C.

The third-seeded Pirates (31-12) trailed, 2-0, heading to the bottom of the seventh inning against the sixth-seeded Eagles (39-16-1) as Carson-Newman had taken a 2-0 lead in the fourth inning on a two-run home run by Sara Kelley.

But Armstrong rallied in the seventh inning with two outs as **Amber Janus** and **April Jowers** both reached base, advanced to second and third on a wild pitch, then scored the tying runs on senior Erin Billingsley's two-out two-RBI single that made the score 2-2 and sent the game into extra innings.

Carson-Newman got a leadoff single in the eighth, but Armstrong starter **Megan Barnwell** retired the next three batters, setting up the bottom of the eighth. **Baillie Temples** reached on an error and was erased on a fielder's choice, but **Whitney Galloway** also reached on an error, giving Armstrong two runners on with one out. A fly out by Megan Qualls moved pinch runner **Bethany Wilke** to third, then Wilcox singled to left field for the game-winning run.

Barnwell (23-7) hurled eight innings, giving up seven hits and two runs, walking two and striking out eight to notch the victory for the Pirates. Mary Shealy (36-14) took the loss for the Eagles with 7 2/3 innings of work, giving up eight hits and three runs - two earned - while walking two and striking out four.

Armstrong's April Jowers collected two hits on the day, giving her 79 for the season and breaking Tesh Wiewel's single-season Armstrong hit record of 78, set in 2000.

Armstrong advances to face host and No. 6-ranked Lenoir-Rhyne - 1-0 winners over USC Aiken on Friday - at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, while Carson-Newman faces USC Aiken at 4:30 p.m. in an elimination contest, also on Saturday.





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